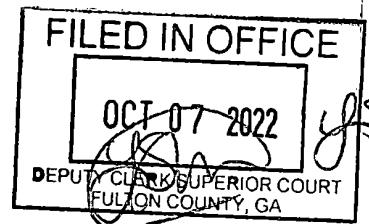


## **EXHIBIT B-118**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA



IN RE: )  
SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY ) 2022-EX-000024  
)  
Witness: )  
Eric Daniel Herschmann )

Judge Robert C. I. McBurney

**PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE  
SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ACT TO  
SECURE THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES FROM WITHOUT THE STATE  
CODIFIED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 ET SEQ.**

COMES NOW the State of Georgia, by and through Fani T. Willis, District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Fulton County, Georgia, and petitions this Honorable Court for a Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-92 et seq., and in support thereof says as follows:

1. A Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation commenced in Fulton County, Georgia, by order of this court on May 2, 2022. *See Order Impaneling Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100, Et Seq, "Exhibit A".* The Special Purpose Grand Jury is authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. *See Letter Requesting Special Purpose Grand Jury, "Exhibit B".*
2. While Georgia law authorizes special purpose grand juries to conduct both civil and criminal investigations, the Special Purpose Grand Jury's investigation is criminal in nature in that it was requested for the purpose of investigating criminal disruptions related to the 2020 elections in Georgia, and the Special Purpose Grand Jury is

authorized to make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution. Further, the authority for a special purpose grand jury to conduct a criminal investigation has been upheld by the Supreme Court of Georgia. *See State v. Lampl*, 296 Ga. 892 (2015).

Accordingly, the provisions of the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without the State apply pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-92 et seq.

3. Eric Daniel Herschmann, born May 7, 1962, (hereinafter, “the Witness”) is a necessary and material witness to the Special Purpose Grand Jury’s investigation. Through both its investigation and through publicly available information, the State has learned the following information.
  4. From approximately August 3, 2020, through January 21, 2021, the Witness served as a senior adviser to former President Donald Trump and was present for multiple meetings between former President Trump and others related to the 2020 election.
  5. According to information made publicly available by the United States House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, the Witness testified to the Committee that had multiple conversations with John Eastman, Rudy Giuliani, Sidney Powell, and others known to be associated with the Trump Campaign, related to their efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 elections in Georgia and elsewhere.
  6. According to information made publicly available by the United States House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, the Witness testified to the Committee that on January 7, 2021, he had a heated conversation with John Eastman specifically concerning efforts in Georgia,

at the conclusion of which the Witness told Eastman, “Get a great f\*ing criminal defense lawyer. You’re gonna need it.”

7. According to the United States Senate Judiciary Majority Staff Report “Subverting Justice: How the Former President and His Allies Pressured DOJ to Overturn the 2020 Election,” the Witness was present at a widely-reported meeting at the White House between former President Trump, former Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, former Acting United States Deputy Attorney General Richard Donoghue, former White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, and others, on January 3, 2021. The focus of the meeting was whether to fire Rosen and replace him with Jeffrey Clark, a Department of Justice attorney who had supported sending a letter from the Department of Justice to Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and other high-ranking Georgia officials recommending the calling of a special legislative session in Georgia. Rosen was ultimately not fired, and the letter was ultimately not sent.
8. According to media reports, the Witness was also present for a meeting at the White House on December 18, 2020, between former President Trump, Sidney Powell, Michael Flynn, and others known to be associated with the Trump Campaign to discuss topics including invoking martial law, seizing voting machines, and appointing Powell as a special counsel to investigate the 2020 election. According to media reports, the Witness was highly critical of the meeting.
9. The Witness, based on his former position as a senior advisor to former President Trump, his relevant conversations with individuals known to be associated with the Trump Campaign, and his presence at multiple relevant meetings, is a necessary and material witness. The Witness possesses unique knowledge concerning the

communications between himself, the Trump Campaign, and other known and unknown individuals involved in the multi-state, coordinated efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere. Finally, the Witness's anticipated testimony is essential in that it is likely to reveal additional sources of information regarding the subject of this investigation.

10. The testimony of the Witness will not be cumulative of any other evidence in this matter.
11. The Witness resides outside the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court and is therefore unable to be served with process to compel attendance and testimony.
12. The Witness currently resides in Austin, Travis County, Texas.
13. The Witness will be required to be in attendance and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The District Attorney reasonably anticipates that the Witness's testimony will not exceed one day.
14. The Office of the Fulton County District Attorney, in and for the State of Georgia, will pay all reasonable and necessary travel expenses and witness fees required to secure the Witness's attendance and testimony, in accordance with the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings. *See O.C.G.A. §24-13-90 et seq.*
15. If the Witness comes into the State of Georgia pursuant to this request, directing the Witness to attend and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury, the laws of this State shall give the Witness protection from arrest and from service of civil or criminal process, both within this State and in any other state through which the

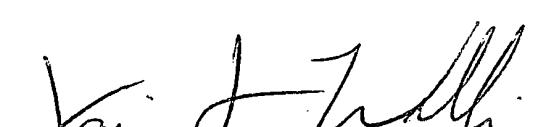
Witness may be required to pass in the ordinary course of travel, for any matters which arose before the Witness's entrance into this State and other states.

16. Both Georgia and Texas have adopted the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings. *See* O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90; Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 24.28.

**WHEREFORE**, the State of Georgia, by and through Fani T. Willis, District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Fulton County, Georgia, prays that this Honorable Court issue a Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-92 et seq., certifying to the proper authorities in the jurisdiction in which the Witness is located that the Witness is a necessary and material witness whose attendance and testimony is required for the above-referenced Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation, and the presence of the Witness will be needed for the number of days specified above,

Respectfully submitted this the 7th day of October, 2022,

**FANI T. WILLIS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

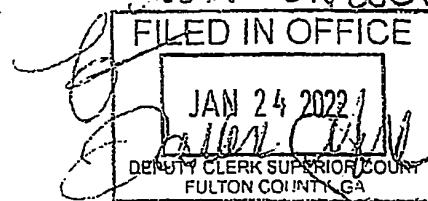


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# **Exhibit A**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: REQUEST FOR  
SPECIAL PURPOSE  
GRAND JURY



ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE  
GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §15-12-100, et seq.

The District Attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit submitted to the judges of the Superior Court of Fulton County a request to impanel a special purpose jury for the purposes set forth in that request. This request was considered and approved by a majority of the total number of the judges of this Court, as required by O.C.G.A. §15-12-100(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a special purpose grand jury be drawn and impaneled to serve as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-12-62.1, 15-12-67, and 15-12-100, to commence on May 2, 2022, and continuing for a period not to exceed 12 months. Such period shall not include any time periods when the supervising judge determines that the special purpose grand jury cannot meet for safety or other reasons, or any time periods when normal court operations are suspended by order of the Supreme Court of Georgia or the Chief Judge of the Superior Court. The special purpose grand jury shall be authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to alleged violations of the laws of the State of Georgia, as set forth in the request of the District Attorney referenced herein above.

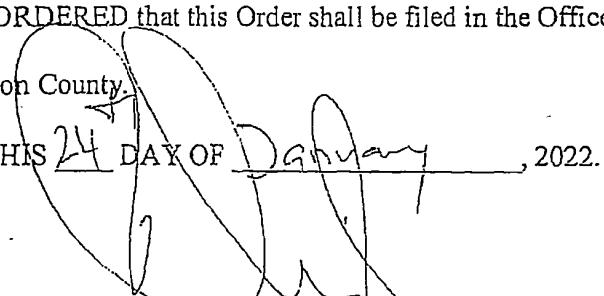
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101(a), the Honorable Robert C. I. McBurney is hereby assigned to supervise and assist the special purpose grand jury, and shall charge said special purpose grand jury and receive its reports as provided by law.

This authorization shall include the investigation of any overt acts or predicate acts relating to the subject of the special purpose grand jury's investigative purpose. The special purpose grand jury, when making its presentments and reports, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-12-71 and 15-12-101, may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit. Furthermore, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-12-83 shall apply.

This Court also notes that the appointment of a special purpose grand jury will permit the time, efforts, and attention of the regular grand jury(ies) impaneled in this Circuit to continue to be devoted to the consideration of the backlog of criminal matters that has accumulated as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County.

SO ORDERED, THIS 24 DAY OF January, 2022.

  
CHRISTOPHER S. BRASHER, CHIEF JUDGE  
Superior Court of Fulton County  
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

# **Exhibit B**

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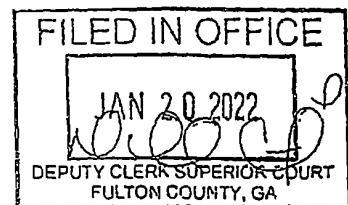
*Fani T. Willis*  
District Attorney



TELEPHONE 404-612-4639

The Honorable Christopher S. Brasher  
Chief Judge, Fulton County Superior Court  
Fulton County Courthouse  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

2022-EX-000017



January 20, 2022

Dear Chief Judge Brasher:

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. Please be advised that the District Attorney's Office has received information indicating a reasonable probability that the State of Georgia's administration of elections in 2020, including the State's election of the President of the United States, was subject to possible criminal disruptions. Our office has also learned that individuals associated with these disruptions have contacted other agencies empowered to investigate this matter, including the Georgia Secretary of State, the Georgia Attorney General, and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, leaving this office as the sole agency with jurisdiction that is not a potential witness to conduct related to the matter. As a result, our office has opened an investigation into any coordinated attempts to unlawfully alter the outcome of the 2020 elections in this state.

We have made efforts to interview multiple witnesses and gather evidence, and a significant number of witnesses and prospective witnesses have refused to cooperate with the investigation absent a subpoena requiring their testimony. By way of example, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, an essential witness to the investigation, has indicated that he will not participate in an interview or otherwise offer evidence until he is presented with a subpoena by my office. Please see Exhibit A, attached to this letter.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting, as the elected District Attorney for Fulton County, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100 et. seq., that a special purpose grand jury be impaneled for the purpose of investigating the facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. Specifically, a special purpose grand jury, which will not have the authority to return an indictment but may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit, is needed for three reasons: first, a special purpose grand jury can be impaneled by the Court for any time period required in order to accomplish its investigation, which will likely exceed a normal grand jury

term; second, the special purpose grand jury would be empowered to review this matter and this matter only, with an investigatory focus appropriate to the complexity of the facts and circumstances involved; and third, the sitting grand jury would not be required to attempt to address this matter in addition to their normal duties.

Additionally, I am requesting that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101, a Fulton County Superior Court Judge be assigned to assist and supervise the special purpose grand jury in carrying out its investigation and duties.

I have attached a proposed order impaneling the special purpose grand jury for the consideration of the Court.

Respectfully,  
  
Fani T. Willis  
District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Exhibit A: Transcript of October 31, 2021 episode of *Meet the Press* on NBC News at 26:04  
(video archived at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B71cBRPgt9k>)

Exhibit B: Proposed Order

cc:

The Honorable Kimberly M. Esmond Adams  
The Honorable Jane C. Barwick  
The Honorable Rachelle Carnesdale  
The Honorable Thomas A. Cox, Jr.  
The Honorable Eric Dunaway  
The Honorable Charles M. Eaton, Jr.  
The Honorable Belinda E. Edwards  
The Honorable Kelly Lee Ellerbe  
The Honorable Kevin M. Farmer  
The Honorable Ural Glanville  
The Honorable Shakura L. Ingram  
The Honorable Rachel R. Krause  
The Honorable Melynee Leftridge  
The Honorable Robert C.I. McBurney  
The Honorable Henry M. Newkirk  
The Honorable Emily K. Richardson  
The Honorable Craig L. Schwall, Sr.  
The Honorable Paige Reese Whitaker  
The Honorable Shermela J. Williams  
Fulton County Clerk of Superior Court Cathelene "Tina" Robinson